

REMARKS

The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added. The specification is amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications (i.e., the priority claim) and to enter the substitute Sequence Listing. Claim 3 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependent claim and to reduce filing fees.

Paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. In the alternative, the substitute Sequence Listing of the parent application can be transferred to this application. It is respectfully submitted that the attached complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

As provided by 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that the attached Form PTO-1449 encompasses all possible material information. Furthermore, no inference should be made that this information or the cited references are prior art merely because they have been submitted for consideration. Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per M.P.E.P. § 609, are earnestly solicited.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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